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### IMA-Europe MWR Expo 2005, "Preparing for Tomorrow"

Heidelberg, GE -- The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting cooler, and kids are heading back to school. What better way to end another MWR summer than with a great training and networking opportunity. October means more than Oktoberfest in Germany. The don't miss event to be at this fall is the Installation Management Agency – Europe (IMA-EURO), MWR EXPO 2005.

MWR EXPO 2005 will be held October 18 - 20 in Heidelberg, Germany at the Village Pavilion in Patrick Henry Village.

This year's event will offer training, networking, and business opportunities for Soldiers, civilians, and their families. The EXPO's theme, "Preparing for Tomorrow," reflects the need for preparation as forces realign in Europe.

Opening ceremonies feature guest speakers Brig. Gen. John Macdonald, commander, Community and Family Support Center (CFSC) and Mr. Russell Hall, IMA-EURO Regional Director).

Training opportunities include classes on nonverbal communication topics given by Jan Hargrave, nationally-renowned body language expert. Other classes include: career management, retirement planning, program marketing concepts, community recreation programs, NAF contracting and consolidation, and child and youth services to name a few.

Panel discussions will be conducted on issues relevant to everyone associated with the military. In addition, Teamwork Towers and Paintball, sponsored by USAG-Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation, will be available for teambuilding exercises.

Approximately 200 vendors are expected, enhancing attendees' ability to purchase quality goods and services at competitive prices. This year's food show will feature two

separate food areas where attendees can see and sample all types of food and beverages, and dining facilities can purchase products.

Participation in the MWR EXPO will provide great training, networking, and business opportunities. Attendees primarily consist of MWR employees, however, active duty and family members are encouraged to attend. For the entire event, registration is free for all training and tent activities. Pre-registration is available at [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com) until October 7, 2005. For additional information, contact DSN 373-5180 or 06221-17-5180.



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